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Inventors: Mondragon-Parra et al.
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Interview Summary Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

On 10/14/2005, Applicant's attorney and Patent Examiner Aaron Dunwoody conducted a telephone interview and discussed the following matters:

Description of exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Not applicable.

Claims discussed: Claims 1 and 18

Specific prior art discussed: Aucktor et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,678,453

Principal proposed amendments of substantive nature: None.

Principal proposed amendments of clerical nature: None.

General thrust of the principal arguments of the Applicant: Applicants' attorney requested explanation of the rejection of claim 1 in view of Aucktor et al.

General thrust of the principal arguments of the Examiner: As best understood by Applicants' attorney, the Examiner asserts that the recitation in claim 1 of helical grooves disposed in mirrored rotational relation to a longitudinal center axis of the inner joint member reads on an arrangement where grooves are mirrored about any plane that includes the longitudinal center axis of the inner joint member.

Other pertinent matters discussed: Not applicable.

General results or outcome of the interview: The issue was not resolved. Claim 1 recites that the helical grooves are mirrored about the longitudinal center axis, not that the helical grooves are mirrored about a plane that intersects the longitudinal center axis.

If additional fees are incurred because of this Interview Summary and not included, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said additional fees, as well as credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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